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 Yuuichiro KAJIWARA et al. — : Docket No. 2001-1763A
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A LATEX FOR DIP MOLDING AND A DIP MOLDED PRODUCT

Response

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated August 6, 2003.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of group I, claims 1-9, with traverse.

The invention of group II is a dip molded product produced using the latex for dip molding according to claim 1.

Accordingly, the inventions of group I and II have the relationship of a sub-combination and combination.

Accordingly, should the sub-combination of claims 1-9 be allowable, the combination invention of group II, claims 10-11, would also be allowable.

Accordingly, pursuant to PTO rules, claims 1-11 should be examined in the present application together. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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